

Linking Madhya Pradesh with Delhi By S.T.D.

5089. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places in Madhya Pradesh which have been linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during 1990-91, and

(b) the places in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be linked with Delhi by S.T.D. during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Balaghat, Nagda, Jhabua, Berasia, Adampur, Nisrod and Obedullaganj have been linked by S.T.D. during the year 1990-91.

(b) 14 more stations in Madhya Pradesh are proposed to be provided with the STD facility during 91-92 viz. Damoh (since connected) Mandala, Guna, Shivpuri, Betul, Sidhi, Chatarpur, Narasinghpur, Panna, Rajgarh, Shadol, Shajapur, Tikamgarh & Singrauli.

Telephone Connection to Village Panchayats in Keonjhar District of Orissa

5090. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of village Panchayats in Keonjhar district of Orissa provided with telephone connections during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 41 Village Panchayats were provided with Telephone Facilities in Keonjhar District of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Rainfed Agriculture

5091. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of farmers are involved in agricultural activities in rainfed areas;

(b) if so, the number and percentage thereof;

(c) whether the average production on rainfed land is comparatively lower than that of irrigated land;

(d) if so, the average foodgrain production in both these lands, separately; and

(e) the schemes formulated to raise the productivity in rainfed areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to 1985-86 Agricultural Census, out of 94.91 million operational holdings in the country-41.88 million (44.12%) received irrigation partly or wholly and 53.03 million (55.88%) were unirrigated.

(c) & (d). Yes, Sir. The average production of foodgrains crops in irrigated and unirrigated lands is as under:

STATEMENT

S. No.	Crops	Average yield in kgs. per ha. (1988-89)	
		Irrigated area	Unirrigated area
1	2	3	4
1.	Rice	1686	1191
2.	Wheat	2065	1174
3.	Maize	1497	1225
4.	Jawar	1112	665
5.	Bajra	1365	799
6.	Ragi	1826 (1985-86)	958
7.	Barley	1600 (1985-86)	1179
8.	Gram	882	664

(e) Government of India have been implementing various Research and Development projects to increase production and productivity in the rainfed areas, namely:

1. All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture.
2. National Watershed Development project for Rainfed Areas.
3. Drought Prone Areas programme
4. Desert Development Programme
5. National Pulses Development Project
6. Oilseeds Production Programme
7. Special Food Production Programme of Rice, Maize, Millets, etc.

Cost of Steel Production

5092. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of steel production is likely to be increased in view of the recent budget proposals;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase likely to take place as a result thereof;

(c) whether the cost of production of steel in the country is higher than that of other countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent of contribution of fuel, raw material, transport, administrative expenses, labour and taxes in the cost of production of steel in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): The answer in respect of SAIL plants is as under:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost of production of iron and steel will increase by around 1.5% as a result of recent Railway and Central Budget proposals:

(c) and (d). As no authentic and comparable information the cost of production of steel in other steel producing countries is available, it is not possible to compare the cost of production in these countries with India.

(e) The contribution to various elements of cost towards total cost of production of steel of four integrated steel plants of SAIL is as under:-

<i>Cost Element</i>	<i>% of Total Cost (Approx)</i>
Fuel including coking coal	22
Raw material	8
Transport (inward only)	9
Administrative expenses	3
Labour	15
Taxes	11